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Curios and Relics

Vehicles

Funeral Train

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

From the files of the
Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection

*A. E. Stoddard, President
Union Pacific Railroad*

These were the men who opened our great western expanses for settlement. They were the men who faced the dangers and hardships of frontier living. It is fitting, therefore, that we dedicate this museum to the builders of this railroad and to the early pioneers who opened the great west to colonization. Union Pacific hopes that you will enjoy your visit.

You...

Other Points of Interest in OMAHA..

JOSLYN ART MUSEUM—22nd and Dodge Streets

A \$4 million museum, second in per capita attendance in the nation . . . tours arranged.

OMAHA GRAIN EXCHANGE—19th and Harney Streets

One of the nation's leading grain markets.

OMAHA PUBLIC LIBRARY — 19th and Harney Streets

Houses nearly 250,000 books, a complete assortment of pamphlets, periodicals and newspapers.

MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM—17th Street at Capital Ave.

A new, \$7 million building, offering attractive accommodations for concerts, conventions, stage productions and other events.

UNION STATION—10th and Marcy Streets

Thousands of travelers pass through this modern terminal each day.

UNION STOCK YARDS AND LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE BUILDING—29th and O Streets

More than 100 acres of buildings and paved pens and alleys comprise this world-famed center of Omaha's great livestock industry.

HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND

10 miles south on U. S. 275

Also the home of the Missile Guidance Control Center.

RIVERVIEW PARK AND ZOO

13th Street and Deer Park Blvd.

Picnic grounds, playgrounds, a large lagoon and a new zoo.

LEVI CARTER PARK

North on 16th Street and east on Locust Street

Another "summer playground" offering picnic areas, facilities for boating and fishing.

WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

Dodge Street and Happy Hollow Blvd.

A half-million dollar memorial dedicated to the men and women who gave their lives in service during World War II.

AK-SAR-BEN FIELD AND COLISEUM

63rd and Shirley Streets

Site of the annual racing meet and other events, Ak-Sar-Ben is one of the nation's largest and most active civic organizations.

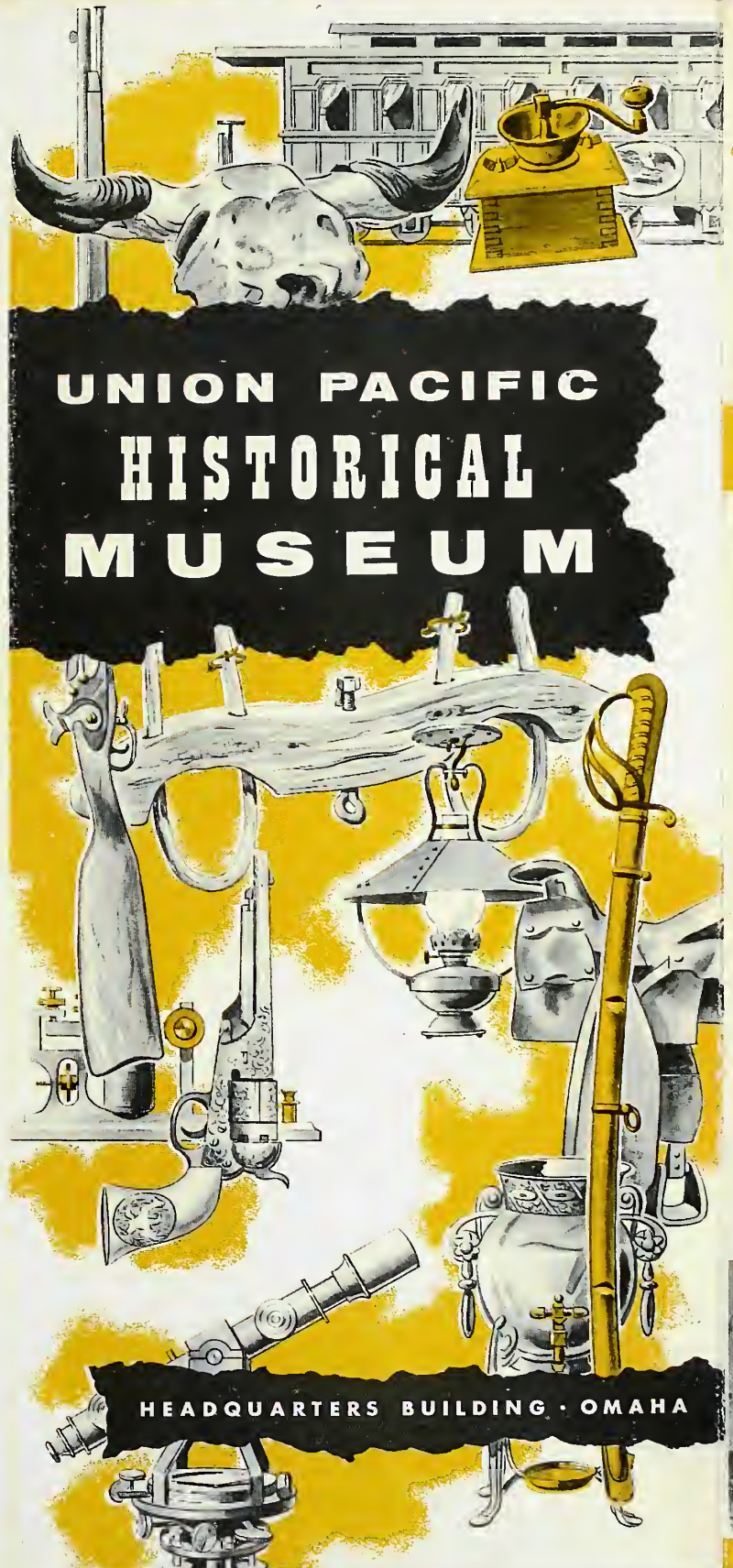
BOYS TOWN

11 miles west of Omaha on Dodge Street—Highway 30

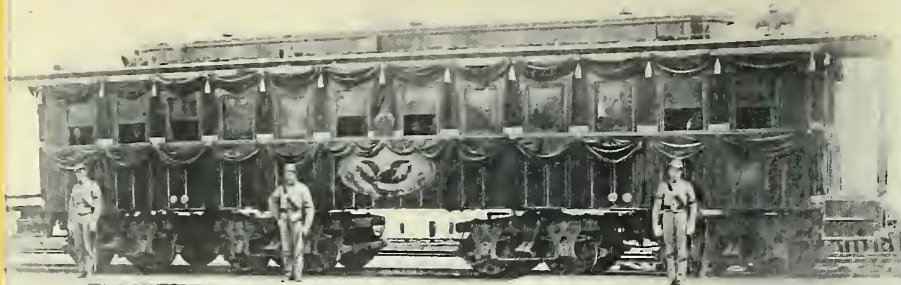
Father Flanagan's world-famous home for boys, a thriving community within itself. Guides on duty.



UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD



HEADQUARTERS BUILDING · OMAHA

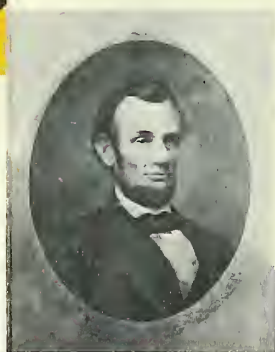


Pres. Lincoln's
Funeral Car

TRIBUTE TO LINCOLN...

Pride of the museum's priceless collection is the display honoring President Abraham Lincoln who, in 1862, signed into law a bill creating the Union Pacific Railroad and authorizing that company to build what was to be the nation's first transcontinental railroad and telegraph line.

Within the museum, the Lincolniana display is considered one of the most complete in the country. A large portion of one wall of the room is entirely taken up by portraits and personal papers of the Civil War president. Among the photographs is one of three known to bear his autograph.

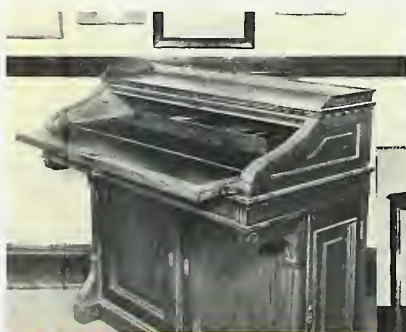


The most prized original document is an executive order which appointed Springer Harbaugh director of the railroad on the part of the government in October, 1863. This particular document is one of the few which he signed "Abraham Lincoln" rather than "A. Lincoln" which became his familiar signature.

In 1864 a private railroad car was built for the president but Lincoln was unable to use it while he lived. This car was then to become his funeral car and a replica of it is another of the Lincoln items on display.

Many of the original furnishings from that car are numbered in the Lincoln collection—a walnut desk, bookcase, a reclining chair, a portion of the silver service, a mirror, four oil paintings and two davenports, one extra long for the president and capable of being converted into a bed.

These items occupied space in Pres. Lincoln's car



INDIANS... AN INTEGRAL PART

Like brothers under the same coat, the story of the American Indian goes along with the construction of the nation's Western railroad.

Among the museum's more bizarre items preserved to keep the Indian legend alive is a Shoshone Indian headdress made of wild turkey feathers which trailed to the wearer's ankles. This headdress does not appear unusual until close inspection reveals that each feather is decorated with a tuft of human hair.

Tomahawks, bows and arrows and many items of Indian clothing make up a sizeable display. Each of the articles has a story behind it.



"... tufts of
human hair."

THE OUTLAW PERIOD...

Synonymous with the difficulties early construction gangs had with the Indians were the string of lesser battles waged against the infamous Western outlaw. The museum has an excellent representation of grim mementoes from that period.

A gun owned by Tom Horn, the "Wyoming Man Killer," and a piece of the rope with which he was hanged tell of the violence surrounding his life.

Another case holds the leg irons used to shackle "Big Nose George" Parrott, another Wyoming desperado, and the top half of his skull. Parrott was executed in frontier fashion for the attempted robbery of a Union Pacific train and the slaying of two posse members who pursued him.

Lesser known criminals are represented by one case that is filled with deadly weapons, all removed from criminals by Union Pacific special agents.



